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1. AN AGREEMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL COOPERATION WAS SIGNED ON JUNE 7, 1978 BETWEEN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BENIN AND THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC DURING A STATE VISIT OF THE EAST GERMAN VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE, FRIEDMAN CLAUZNITZER. THE PROVISIONS OF THE ACCORD INCLUDE MOST FAVORED NATION TRADE PRIVILEGES AS WELL AS THE COMPLETE ELIMINATION OF TARIFF DUTIES ON CERTAIN GOODS. IN ADDITION, THE AGREEMENT CALLS FOR A DETERMINED EFFORT TO INCREASE THE VOLUME OF TRADE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. NO OTHER SPECIFICS ARE AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.

2. COMMENT: THIS IS THE FIRST COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT WHICH THE BENINESE HAVE SUCCEEDED IN SIGNING WITH AN EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRY, THOUGH IT IS STILL UNCLEAR WHAT THE BENINESE STAND TO GAIN FROM IT. DESPITE THE EAST GERMANS' EVIDENT INTEREST IN BUILDING RELATIONS WITH AFRICAN COUNTRIES, THUS FAR THEY HAVE NOT SHOWN ANY MORE WILLINGNESS TO GIVE OUTRIGHT AID TO THE BENINESE THAN
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ANY OF THEIR OTHER SOCIALIST FRIENDS. SINCE BENIN HAS NEITHER SUBSTANTIAL CASH NOR EXPORT POTENTIAL TO OFFER THE E. GERMANS IN TRADE, IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT EAST GERMAN GOODS WILL BE APPEARING IN QUANTITY IN THE STREETS OF COTONOU. THOMPSON

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